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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, Second Floor
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RE: **D.T.E. 03-60** – Proceeding by the DTE re: FCC's TRO re: Switching for Mass Market Customers
United Systems Access Telecom, Inc. (USAT)

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Please accept this letter as USAT's request to participate in the above-referenced proceeding. We believe that this proceeding should be conducted as an adjudicatory proceeding as defined in G.L. c. 30A, § 1(1).

Our interest in this proceeding is primarily to support the FCC's finding in the TRO that CLECs should continue to be given access to ILEC local switching facilities. USAT offers local, regional and long distance telephone service in 12 eastern states in the Verizon territory from Maine to Virginia, with many local customers in Massachusetts. Our company exists today because of the promise of viable operating margins through UNE-P and has built a residential service plan based on UNE switching. Moreover, our ability to provide telecommunications services will be impaired absent unbundled access to local switching.

We hope to participate in this proceeding by providing written and in-person testimony and evidence to support the above views, both on a technical level (individuals within our company that can provide analysis on costs and equipment) and a policy level (how UNE-P affects our business in general).



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My address, phone number and e-mail appear below. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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